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Docket No.: 1349.1213

IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

In re the Application of:

Sung-wook KANG

Serial No. 10/671,610

Group Art Unit: 2625

Confirmation No. 8528

Filed: September 29, 2003

Examiner: Heather D. Gibbs

For: COMBINED FLAT BED SCANNER/PRINTER MACHINE

REQUEST TO WITHDRAW FINALITY OF THE OUTSTANDING OFFICE ACTION

Commissioner for Patents
PO Box 1450
Alexandria, VA 22313-1450

Sir:

This is in response to the Office Action mailed June 30, 2006, and having a period for response set to expire on September 30, 2006.

The outstanding Office Action, at page 6, item 9, states **"THIS ACTION IS MADE FINAL."**

MPEP §707.07(f) states: "[w]here the applicant traverses any rejection, the examiner should, if he or she repeats the rejection, take note of the applicant's argument and answer the substance of it."

Applicants respectfully submit that while the Examiner responded to arguments set forth with respect to dependent claims 7 and 8, the Examiner has not answered the substance of the arguments set forth with respect to independent claims 1, 36, and 37.

Accordingly, Applicants respectfully submit that the outstanding Office Action is deficient.


Additionally, in a July 26, 2006 telephone interview, the Examiner indicated that in addition to those claims noted in the Office Action as being objected to, claims 5, 6, and 12-14 would also be allowable if rewritten in independent form. Applicants respectfully request that this indication be confirmed and recorded.

Applicants respectfully request withdrawal of the Finality of the outstanding Office Action.

Respectfully submitted,

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